



Commonwealth of Virginia

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May 12, 2006

The Honorable Gordon F. Willis
Chief Judge
County of Stafford General District Court
P.O. Box 940
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The Honorable Peter L. Tribble
Magistrate Supervising Authority
Fifteenth Judicial District
P.O. Box 176
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As part of our audit of the Virginia District Court System, we have audited the cash receipts and disbursements of the County of Stafford General District Court and the associated magistrates from the Fifteenth Judicial District for the period April 1, 2005 through March 31, 2006.

Our primary objectives were to test the accuracy of financial transactions recorded on the Court's financial management system and in the Magistrates' records; evaluate the Court's and the Magistrates' internal controls; and test compliance with significant state laws, regulations, and policies. However, our audit was more limited than would be necessary to provide assurance on the internal controls or on overall compliance with applicable laws, regulations, and policies.

The results of our tests found the Court and the Magistrates properly stated, in all material respects, the amounts recorded and reported in the financial management system and in the Magistrates' records; no material weaknesses in internal controls; and no instances of noncompliance with applicable laws, regulations, and policies.

We discussed these comments with the Clerk on May 12, 2006 and with the Chief Magistrate on May 11, 2006 and we acknowledge the cooperation extended to us by the Court and the Magistrates during this engagement.

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cc: The Honorable Frank L. Benser, Judge
Sheri L. Pearson, Clerk
Phillip R. Hemming, Chief Magistrate
Paul Delosh, Director of Judicial Services
Supreme Court of Virginia